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## LAKE GEORGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Bruce F. Levin  
Assistant Superintendent for Business

June 26, 2001

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: The matter of Lake George Central School District of Decision of Universal Services Administrator re:  
FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Secretary:

I am requesting a review, pursuant to 54.719 for Universal Services Funding, for Funding year 3 for:

Billed Entity Number: 124311  
471 Application: 207015  
Applicant Name: Lake George Central School District  
Person to discuss appeal: Bruce Levin (address and telephone number above)

The appeal for this funding request was rejected because Block 5, Items 22a and b - entities receiving services - were left blank.

I believe that the denial by SLD should be overturned and funding be reinstated. In the June 22, 2001 letter from SLD, they stated the reasons for not funding were:

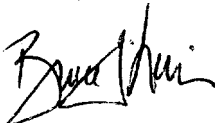
1. The omitted information could be easily discerned by the SLD through examination of other information included in the application; and
2. The application is otherwise substantially complete.

After review the SLD concluded that they "could not easily determine the entity receiving the service".

I find this difficult to understand. All other block 5's filed were for the school district, not by individual building. All years in which we have participated were by district not by building. It is reasonable to conclude that these two block 5's are for the school district as well and were submitted with four others, also the school district's. In addition, both 471 block 5 rejections were for telephone costs which in funding year 4 are automatically approved.

I would appreciate your overturning the SLD Administrator's decision for the reasons given above.

Sincerely,



Bruce Levin  
Assistant Superintendent for Business

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001**

June 22, 2001

Bruce Levin  
Lake George School District  
381 Canada St.  
Lake George, NY 12845

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Re: Billed Entity Number: 124311  
471 Application Number: 207015  
Funding Request Number(s): 2 requests not assigned  
Your Correspondence Dated: June 7, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision. If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that, for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 2 requests not assigned  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in Full**  
Explanation:

- Your appeal letter states that the missing information was an oversight and you have enclosed corrected Block 5 pages with your appeal.
- In accordance with FCC Order FCC 01-73 (Released February 27, 2001), FRNs or Forms 471 previously rejected for failure to complete Item 22 of Block 5 should be data entered and considered for funding if the following conditions are met:
  - 1) the omitted information could be easily discerned by SLD through examination of other information included in the application; and
  - 2) the application is otherwise substantially complete.

- After thorough review of your appeal it has been determined that your request does not meet the criteria listed above because **the SLD could not easily determine the entity receiving the service**. Both schools on the application have discounts of 50% and the shared discount is 50%, SLD was unable to determine whether one or both schools was receiving the service. Consequently, the SLD will not data enter your request(s), and your appeal is denied in full.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please cite CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <[www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org)>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

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Letter of Appeal  
School and Libraries Division  
Box 125-Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Appeals Unit,

Re: Form 471 Application Number 207015  
Applicants Form Identifier: A-1  
Applicant Name: Lake George Central School District  
Person to Discuss Appeal: Bruce Levin (Address and telephone number above)

The funding request that were rejected as indicated were done so for lack of Block 5, Items 22 a and b, entities receiving services are blank.

I have enclosed corrected block 5 for each spin 143001192 and 143003926.

There was only one block 4 form filed with this application, and the identifier A-1 appears on the rest of the forms. There was unfortunately an omission in typing the form on these two block 5 forms.

I hope after you will find in favor of the district, this was unfortunately an oversight, particularly because it did appear on all of the other forms submitted.

Sincerely,

Bruce F. Levin  
Assistant Superintendent for Business

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BRUCE LEVIN  
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**BLOCK 5 FUNDING REQUEST REJECTION LETTER**  
**(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000--6/30/2001)**

June 5, 2000

BRUCE LEVIN  
LAKE GEORGE CENTRAL SCH DIST  
381 CANADA ST.  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845

Re:   Applicant's Form Identifier:    A-1  
      Form 471 Application Number:   207015

Dear Applicant:

This letter is to notify you that one or more of your Services Ordered and Certification Form 471, Block 5 Funding Requests did not meet Minimum Processing Standards or did not comply with program rules. The Funding Requests cited below have been rejected and have not been entered into the SLD system. You may also wish to contact your Service Provider to let them know the status of this funding request.

Other funding requests that are not cited below will be processed and should not be resubmitted.

**BLOCK 5 FUNDING REQUEST:**

Category of Service (Block 5, Item 11):	Telecommunication services
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (Item 13):	143001192
Service Provider Name (Item 14):	AT&T
Percent Discount (Item 23, Column J):	50
Funding Commitment Request (Item 23, Column K):	\$1,500.00
Rejection Reason:	Block 5, Items 22 A and B, Entity/Entities Receiving this Service are both blank.

Category of Service (Block 5, Item 11):	Telecommunication services
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (Item 13):	143003926
Service Provider Name (Item 14):	TELECON
Percent Discount (Item 23, Column J):	50
Funding Commitment Request (Item 23, Column K):	\$2,400.00
Rejection Reason:	Block 5, Items 22 A and B, Entity/Entities Receiving this Service are both blank.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING REQUEST REJECTIONS:

If you wish to appeal the Funding Request Rejection(s) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. Identify which Funding Request you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the applicant name and the Form 471 Application Number from this letter.
3. Identify the particular Funding Request that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the rejection reason from this Funding Request Rejection Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter brief and to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an original authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

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# Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

Block 5, page 5 of 8

Use one Block 5 page for EACH service (Funding Request Number) for which you are requesting discounts.  
 Attach many copies of this page as necessary, and number the completed pages to assure that they are all processed correctly.

FRN # \_\_\_\_\_ (to be assigned by administrator)

Category of Service (only ONE category should be checked) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Telecommunications Service <input type="radio"/> Internet Access <input type="radio"/> Internal Connections	15 Contract Number (if available, use "T" for tariffed services, "MTM" for month-to-month services as described in instructions) <u>S-960208</u> NYS Contract
Form 470 Application Number (15 digits) <u>232350000251542</u>	16 Billing Account Number (e.g. billed telephone number) <u>518-668-5455</u>
SPN - Service Provider Identification Number (9 digits) <u>143001192</u>	17 Allowable Contract Date (mm/dd/yyyy, based on Form 470 filing) <u>01/06/2000</u>
Service Provider Name <u>AT&amp;T</u>	18 Contract Award Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <u>04/19/1997</u>
	19 Service Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <u>07/01/2000</u>
	20 Contract Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <u>10/17/2000</u>

You MUST attach a description of the service, including a breakdown of components and costs, plus any relevant brand names. Label this description with an Attachment # and note number in space provided below.

Attachment # 5

a. If the service is site-specific (provided to one site and not shared by others) list the Entity Number of the entity from Block 4 receiving this service \_\_\_\_\_

b. If the service is shared by all entities on a Block 4 worksheet, list the worksheet number (e.g. A-1) A-1

Recurring Charges					One-Time Charges			Total Charges		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Monthly \$ charges (pre-discount) per month	How much of the \$ amount in (A) is ineligible?	Eligible monthly pre-discount amount (A minus B)	# of months service provided in program year	Annual pre-discount \$ amount for eligible recurring charges (D x C)	Annual non-recurring (one-time) \$ charges	How much of the \$ amount in (F) is ineligible?	Annual eligible pre-discount \$ amount for one-time charges (F minus G)	Total program year pre-discount \$ amount (E + H)	% discount (from Block 4 Worksheet)	Funding Commitment Request (J x I)
250.00	0	250.00	12	3000.00				3000.00	50	1500.00



# Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

Block 5, page 1 of 1

Use one Block 5 page for EACH service (Funding Request Number) for which you are requesting discounts.  
 Attach as many copies of this page as necessary, and number the completed pages to assure that they are all processed correctly.

FRN # \_\_\_\_\_ (to be assigned by administrator)

14. Category of Service (only ONE category should be checked) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Telecommunications Service <input type="radio"/> Internet Access <input type="radio"/> Internal Connections	15. Contract Number (if available, use "T" if tariffed services, "MTM" if month-to-month services as described in instructions)	MTM
	16. Billing Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)	518-668-5455
17. Form 470 Application Number (15 digits) <u>232350000251542</u>	17. Allowable Contract Date (mm/dd/yyyy, based on Form 470 filing)	01/26/2000
18. Service Provider Identification Number (9 digits) <u>143003926</u>	18. Contract Award Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	07/01/2000
	19. Service Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	07/01/2000
20. Service Provider Name <u>Telecon</u>	20. Contract Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	06/30/2001

21. Description of This Service: You MUST attach a description of the service, including a breakdown of components and costs, plus any relevant program names. Attach this description with an Attachment #, and note number in space provided below.  
 Attachment # 7

22. Entity/Entities Receiving This Service:  
 a. If the service is site-specific (provided to one site and not shared by others), list the Entity Number of the entity from Block 4 receiving this service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. If the service is shared by all entities on a Block 4 worksheet, list the worksheet number (e.g., A-1): A-1

Recurring Charges					One-Time Charges			Total Charges		
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Annual \$ charges (How much of the \$ amount in (A) is eligible?)	Eligible monthly pre-discount amount (A minus B)	# of months service provided in program year	Annual pre-discount \$ amount for eligible recurring charges (D x C)	Annual non-recurring (one-time) \$ charges	How much of the \$ amount in (F) is ineligible?	Annual eligible pre-discount \$ amount for one-time charges (F minus G)	Total program year pre-discount \$ amount (E + H)	% discount from Block 4 Worksheet	Funding Commitment Request	Request
4200.00	350.00	12	4200.00				4200.00	50		2400.00

Entity Number <u>2731</u>	Applicant's Form Identifier <u>A1</u>
Contact Person <u>PAUL L. L. L.</u>	Phone Number <u>518-668-5455</u>

## Block 4: Discount Calculation Worksheet A for Individual Schools/School Districts

Worksheet #A- 1

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Instructions: Individual Schools/School Districts use this worksheet to calculate the discount rate for site-specific services and/or to determine the weighted average discount calculations for shared services.

**10a Check only one:**

- ☐ Applying **ONLY** for an individual school, or **ONLY** site-specific services: Complete columns 1-7 only for each school. Add and number pages as needed. Then use each school's Entity Number and its discount from Column 7 to complete Block 5 site-specific service to that school.
- ☒ Applying for discounts on services shared by **ALL** schools in the district (with or without site-specific services as well): Complete all columns 1-8 for all schools in the district. Then use the Weighted Average Discount in 10c (below) to complete Block 5 for shared services.
- ☐ Applying for discounts on different shared services shared by different groups of schools (with or without site-specific services as well): Please complete one worksheet, columns 1-8 PLUS 10c, for EACH different group of schools sharing a service. Designate this worksheet A-1, A-2, A-3, etc

**10b List entities and calculate discount(s).**

1 Name of School	2 Entity Number	3 Urban or Rural U or R	4 Total # of Students	5 # of Students Eligible for NSLP	6 % Students Eligible for NSLP (Col 5 ÷ Col 4)	7 Discount % from Discount Matrix	8 Weighted Product for Calculating Shared Discount (Col 6 × Col 7)
George Washington High School	36-16470-01455	R	494	56	11.34	50	2477
George Washington Elementary School	36-16470-01457	L	567	102	17.99	50	2550
District Totals for calculating Weighted Average Discount			1061				5027

**10c Weighted Average Discount % for Shared Services (Col. 8 total divided by Col. 4 total. Round to nearest %)**

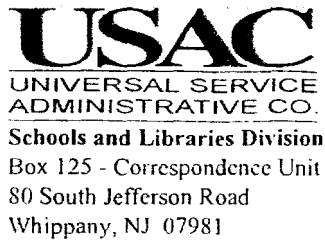


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